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In re Application of:

Nathalie GARNIER et al.

Application No.: 09/714,663

Filed: November 17, 2000

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS  
FOR THE PERMANENT  
DEFORMATION OF KERATIN  
FIBERS CONTAINING AT LEAST  
ONE DERIVATIVE OF  
FORMAMIDINE SULFINIC ACID

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) Group Art Unit: 1616

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) Examiner: S. Qazi  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2002, the period of response extended one month to March 3, 2003 (March 1 falls on a Saturday), by the accompanying petition and fee, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and reexamination of the claims in light of the amendment and remarks below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 1, 14, and 100 with amended claims 1, 14, and 100 as follows.

11. A reducing composition for permanent deformation of hair comprising at least one reducing agent chosen from N-substituted

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